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Ms. Gloria Blue
Executive Secretary
Trade Policy Staff Committee
ATTN: Section 1377 Comments
Office of the United States Trade Representative
600 Seventeenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20508

Re: Request for Comments Concerning the Operation and Effectiveness of the
World Trade Organization Basic Telecommunications Agreement, and
Compliance with Telecommunications Trade Agreements

Dear Ms. Blue:

I am responding to the U.S. Trade Representative's invitation for comment concerning the operation and effectiveness of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Basic Telecommunications Agreement. In the Notice, USTR solicits comments concerning compliance with telecommunications trade agreements with "respect to those with the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) members, the European Union (EU), the Inter-American Telecommunications Commission (CITEL), Japan, Korea, Mexico, and Taiwan."

I have expressed my views on the USTR's telecommunications trade policy with Japan in my forthcoming article, "Exporting Telecommunications Regulation: Negotiations with Japan over Interconnection Pricing," 43 Harvard International Law Journal (forthcoming 2002), coauthored with Dr. Jeffrey H. Rohlfs. I enclose a copy of the article in draft and request that it be placed in the record, constituting my formal comments.

The views expressed here are solely my own, and not those of the American Enterprise Institute, which does not take institutional positions on specific executive, legislative, judicial, or regulatory matters.

Sincerely,

Enclosure